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METHOD AND APPARATUS

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CALCULATION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Applicants hereby petition the Patent Office for a two-month extension of time through and until at least October 5, 2004 to respond to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2004. However, if a two month extension of time is sufficient to extend the date until October 27, 2004, please consider this a petition to extend the time until that date.

It is believed that a two month extension will be effective until October 27, 2004 because the two month period for responding to the May 5, 2004 Final Office Action ended July 5, 2004, which was a national holiday. The two month period was thus extended until the next business day, July 6, 2004, on which date, a response to the Office Action was filed. The Advisory Action was mailed on August 27, 2004, thereby ending the period of reply on that date.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account 01-2384 in the amount of \$430.00 for payment of the extension now requested. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge Account No. 01-2384.

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